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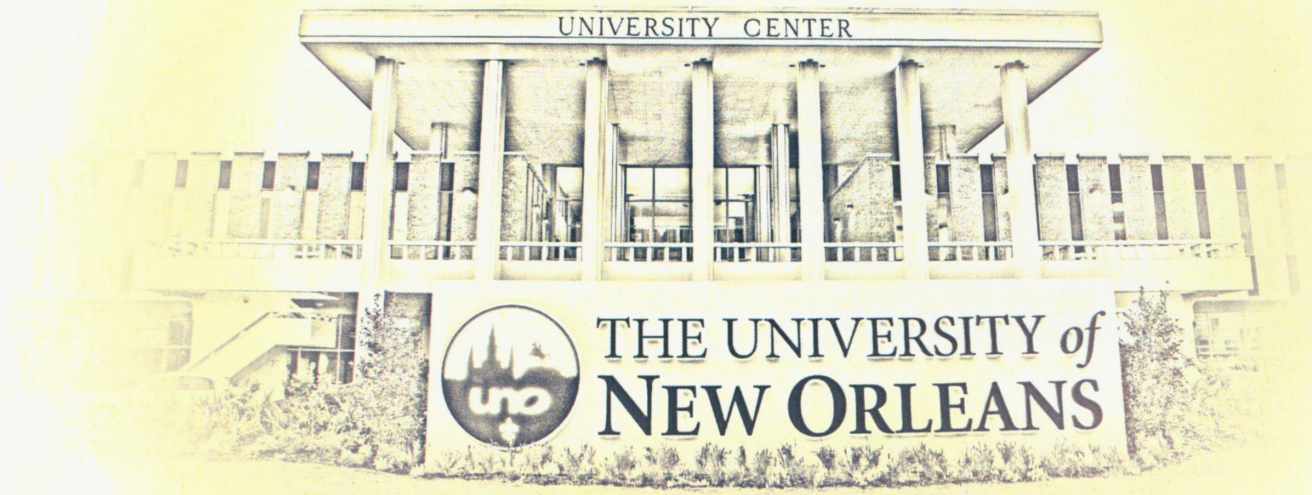

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Ivan Neville
New Orleans Native, Vocalist, Songwriter and Multi-instrumentalist

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMAN LETTERS

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

READING OF THE GRADUATES

ALUMNI ADDRESS
Michael D. Jackson
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, '01

Letter from the President

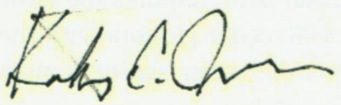
Dear Graduates,
Today marks a truly momentous occasion—one I am confident you will carry with you for the rest of your life. It is my great privilege to join you in celebrating this extraordinary achievement. I hope you will always cherish the time you spent at the University of New Orleans and the deep connections you have forged with your alma mater. That bond is now stronger than ever, and the entire UNO community is immensely proud of all you have accomplished.

Each degree awarded today represents years of determination and resilience. You persisted through academic challenges, financial hurdles, work commitments, and family responsibilities. You demonstrated grit, dedication, and an unwavering belief in your goals. Fortunately, your relationship with the University does not end today. We are here to support you as alumni, and I hope you will continue to stay engaged with us. While commencement marks the conclusion of this chapter of your education, it does not signify the end of your learning. A lifelong pursuit of knowledge is both fascinating and fulfilling—and if we can be part of your future educational journey, please let us know.

My hope for each of you is that you achieve success—however you define it—that you discover and pursue your passions, and that you use your talents to make our world a better place. The journey you have shared with classmates, faculty, and staff at the University of New Orleans has prepared you for the next phase of your life. You have earned a degree that can take you as far as you are willing to go.

I offer you my warmest congratulations and my very best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kathy Johnson, President
The University of New Orleans

University of New Orleans Mission Statement

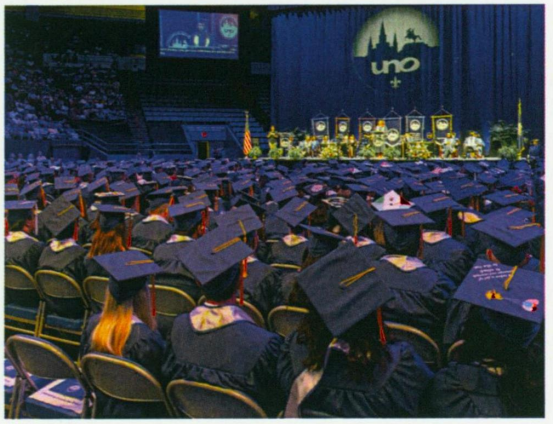
The University of New Orleans is an urban research university committed to providing educational excellence to a diverse undergraduate and graduate student body. The University is one of the region's foremost public resources, offering a variety of world-class, research-based programs, many of which are uniquely linked to the rich and vibrant city of New Orleans. The University of New Orleans, as a global community asset, advances shared knowledge and enhances the sustainability and quality of life in New Orleans, the state, the nation, and the world, by participating in a broad array of research, community-engaged learning, cultural and academic activities.

Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes undergraduate students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. The three designations in this category: summa cum laude (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.900-4.000; magna cum laude (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.700-3.899; and cum laude (with praise), requiring an average of 3.500-3.699.

A student may also graduate with University Honors in the particular field. This achievement requires the student to earn 18 credit hours of honors-qualifying coursework, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in their major and at least a 3.25 overall.

To graduate with University Honors with Thesis in a particular field, requires the same requirements as University Honors with the addition of a six-credit hour senior honors thesis in their major (applying toward the 18 credit hours of honors qualifying coursework).



Commencement Speaker Ivan Neville

A New Orleans native, Neville has built a career as a vocalist, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He is the son of Aaron Neville and has performed with The Neville Brothers, as well as on his father's solo projects.

Neville is the founder of Dumpstaphunk, a band formed in 2003 that has released multiple albums and toured extensively in the United States and internationally. The group has performed at major festivals, including the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Bonnaroo.

Over the course of his career, Neville has recorded and performed with a range of artists, including The Rolling Stones, Keith Richards and Bonnie Raitt. He has also contributed to recordings by other musicians and worked across multiple genres.

Neville's work has been recognized with a 2023 GRAMMY Award for Best American Roots Song for "Stomping Ground," recorded with his father Aaron Neville and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band. He has also received multiple OffBeat "Best of the Beat" Awards, including repeated honors as Best Piano/Keyboardist in 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2023.

His solo career includes several album releases and a Billboard Hot 100 single, "Not Just Another Girl," which reached the Top 30. His work has also been featured in film and television, and he has appeared in music documentaries focused on New Orleans and American music traditions.

Where We're From!

States

Our Spring 2026 graduating class comes from Louisiana and the following 26 U.S. states and territories:

Alabama
Arizona
California
Colorado
Connecticut
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
New Hampshire
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
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South Carolina
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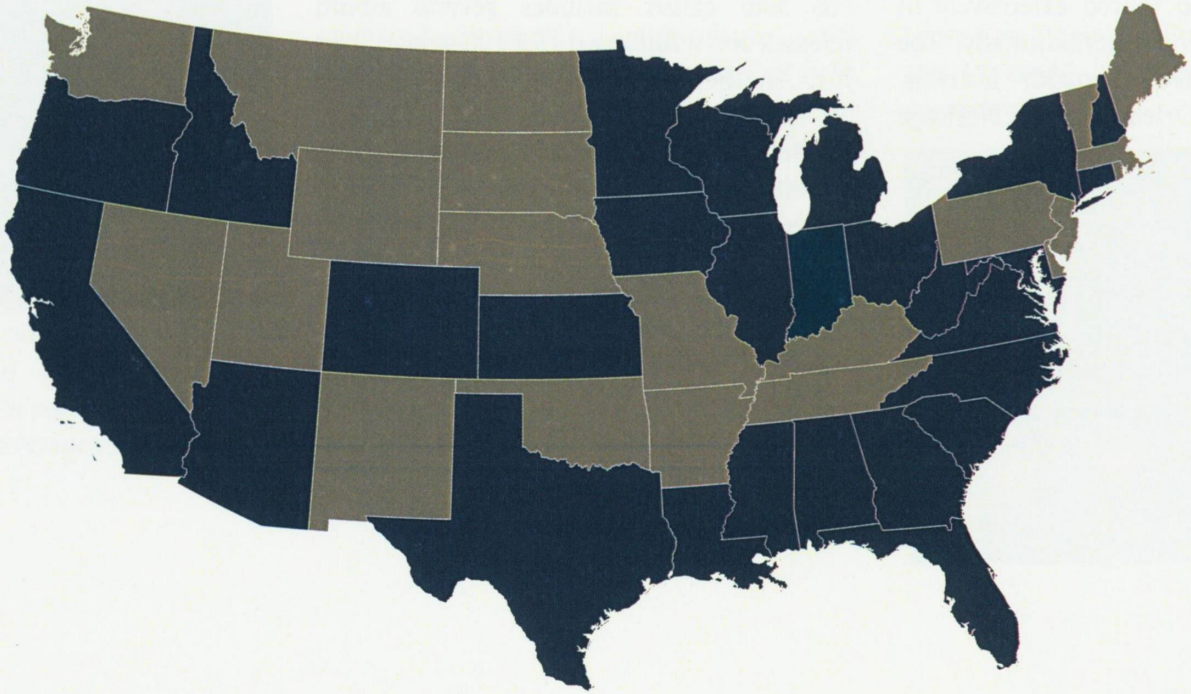
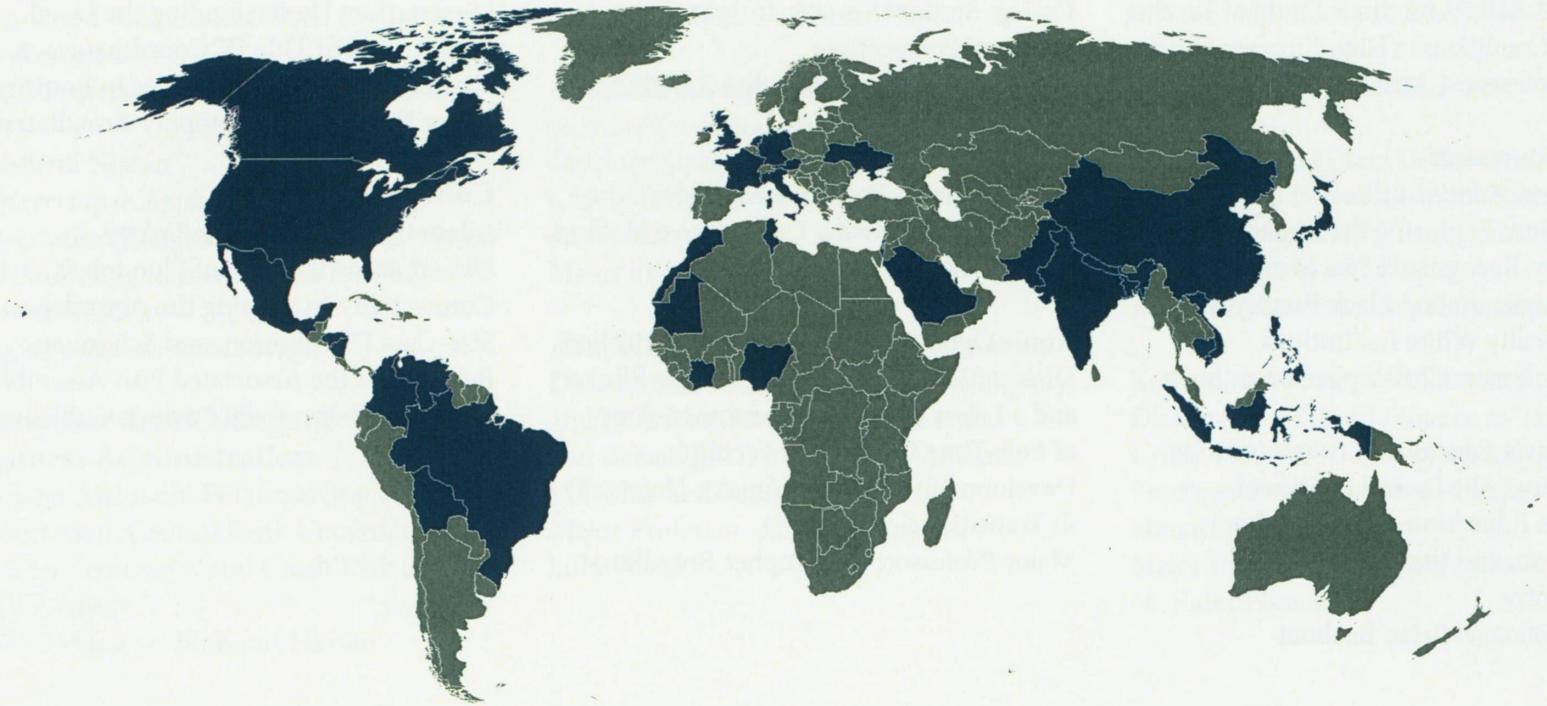
West Virginia
Wisconsin



Countries | Our Spring 2026 graduating class comes from the following 35 areas abroad:

Austria	Colombia	Israel	Morocco	Saudi Arabia
Bangladesh	Côte d'Ivoire	Italy	Nepal	Trinidad and Tobago
Bolivia	France	Jamaica	Netherlands	Tunisia
Brazil	Germany	Japan	Nicaragua	Ukraine
Cambodia	Honduras	Luxembourg	Nigeria	United Kingdom
Canada	India	Mauritania	Pakistan	Venezuela
China	Indonesia	Mexico	Philippines	Vietnam



Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Kara Bisceglie *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: Disrupting the Norm: Exploring a New Grading Policy Through the Lens of Institutional Theory in Higher Education
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

John Byrnes *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: Persistence in the Pressure Cooker: A Mixed-methods Study of Teacher Working Conditions in High-turnover Districts
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Tiffany Courseault
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Exploring the Impact of University-Recognized Spaces on Racial Battle Fatigue among Black Faculty & Staff at Historically White Institutions
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Alfred Davis *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: The Spatial Politics of American Education: Charter Schools, Segregation, and the Geography of Opportunity
Major Professor: Brian Beabout

Kelli McFarland *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: Faithful Foundations: Understanding the Influence of Religion on Commitment in Black Couples
Major Professor: Michelle Elaine Wade

Monique Nolan Legendre *Justice Studies*
Dissertation: What We Want the Decision Makers to Know About First-Generation College Student Success: Insights from Students' Perspectives
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Anika Ofori *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: A Postmodern Study of the Negro Problem Using Unobtrusive Methods
Major Professor: Marla Nelson

Annie Ogburn *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: Careers that Feel Like Plinko and a Labor of Love: A Phenomenology of Full-Time Contingent Faculty's Development as Instructors at a University in Transition
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Rachel Rachlinski *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: From Innovation to Interaction: Processes Shaping Animal Assisted Therapy Implementation in Outpatient Settings in the United States
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

Amanda Robbins *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: Understanding the Lived Experiences of Title IX Coordinators at Higher Education Institutions in Louisiana
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

College of Sciences

Adam Quade *Integrative Biology*
Dissertation: The Role of Floodplain Connectivity in Shaping the Abundance, Size-class Distribution, and Schooling Behavior of the Associated Fish Assemblage
Major Professor: Kelly Boyle & Guillaume Rieucau

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Daniel Dekerlegand
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Insimul: A Hybrid AI System for Social Immersion
Major Professor: Ben Samuel

Md Wasi Ul Kabir
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Prediction of Intrinsically Disordered Proteins and Their Dynamic Conformation
Major Professor: Md Tamjidul Hoque

Mahfuzul Nissan
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Database State Reconstruction and Audit Log Reconciliation for Data Systems Security
Major Professor: James Wagner

Henry Berstein College of Business Administration

Marwan Alahmadi *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Central Bank Uncertainty, Investor Sentiment, and Crash Risk in Digital Assets
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Sultan Alangari *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Return Spillovers and Market Integration in Islamic Finance: Empirical Evidence from Sukuk and Sectoral Indices
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Hanadi Albogami *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Financial Integration, ESG, and Credit Risk in Islamic and Conventional Systems: Evidence from Global Markets and MENA Banking
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Abdulaziz Almethen *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Financial Flexibility and Leverage Cycles: How Agile Firms Adjust Capital Structure and Reallocate Strategic Resources
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Abdulelah Almuqrin *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Sentiment Shocks, Ambiguity, and Informed Trading: Informational and Behavioral Drivers of Idiosyncratic Volatility and Future Crash Risk
Major Professor: Atsuyuki Naka & Luca Pezzo

Abdulrahman Alrowaished
Financial Economics
Dissertation: Balance Sheet Risk and Downside Sensitivity: How Financial Leverage and Corporate Liquidity Jointly Shape Stock Returns Across Market Downturns and Crises
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Benjamin Fudali *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: The Effects of Noise Trading in Common Stocks and Exchange Traded Funds
Major Professor: Neal Maroney

Ayoub Ghalim *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Balancing Cost Control and Innovation: Evidence from the U.S. Pharmaceutical Industry
Major Professor: Mosab Hammoudeh

Koffi Konan *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Ethical Finance in Times of Crisis: How Assistance Programs and ESG Practices Shape Corporate Resilience and Financial Integrity
Major Professor: Atsuyuki Naka & M. Kabir Hassan

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Eurielle Niamke *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Financing Under Fragility: Corporate Financial Strategies and Access to Capital in Infrastructure-Constrained Economies
Major Professor: Gregory Price

Mridu Pradhan *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Disclosure Pressure, Innovation Direction, and Competitive Reallocation: Evidence from ESG Climate Disclosure
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan & Luca Pezzo

Rabia Zeba *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: FinTech and the Future of Sustainable Banking: A Cross-Country Analysis of Financial Stability, Green Investment, and Governance Effectiveness
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan & Mosab Hammoudeh

Master's Degrees

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Graduate Certificate Geographic Information Systems
Jason Hurst
Kiary Lafayette
Alexis Sager
Jackie Strohmeyer

Graduate Certificate Historic & Cultural Preservation
Shelby Lanoux

Master of Arts
Madison Adcock, *Romance Languages*
Nathan Bergmann-Dean, *History*
Jacob Binur, *Sociology*
Marisol Calambas Soscue, *Arts Administration*
Jewel Campbell, *Arts Administration*
Faith Carr, *History*
Alfred Carter, *Justice Studies*
Tatiana Duvanova, *English*
Isabelle Fortier, *History*
Veronica Gilchrist, *English*
Taylor Gordon, *English*
Caroline Istre, *Arts Administration*
Shelby Lanoux, *History*
Kim Lewis Williams, *Justice Studies*
Isabel Naquin, *History*
Alexandra Nordman-Becker, *Justice Studies*
Ian OBanion, *Romance Languages*
Raion Ramsey, *Arts Administration*
Anissa Rapoza, *History*
Abbey Roidt-Jernberg, *English*
Alondra Rojas, *Romance Languages*
Derick Savery, *Romance Languages*
Hannah Stratton, *History*
Dante Tammetta, *Sociology*
Toby Theriot, *History*
Cuauhtli Valdez, *History*
Paul Wells, *History*

Master of Arts in Teaching
Michelle Mipro, *Secondary Education Grades 6-12*

Master of Education
Andrew Amaya-Shaw, *Counselor Education*
Renee Anderson, *Counselor Education*
Ayreca Berthelot, *Educational Leadership*
Jameson Bourg, *Counselor Education*
Jaclyn Cole, *Counselor Education*
Evin Dowey, *Counselor Education*
Jasmine Francis, *Counselor Education*

Christopher Hicks, *Counselor Education*
Emily Hoffmann, *Counselor Education*
Glennisha Howard, *Counselor Education*
Ali Luchtman, *Counselor Education*
Raven Mergist, *Counselor Education*
Faith Southerland, *Counselor Education*
Savannah Thompson, *Educational Leadership*
Jonquil Williams, *Educational Leadership*

Master of Fine Arts
Opeyemi Priscilla Akinyemi, *Film & Theatre*
Rajan Awasthi, *Film & Theatre*
Amaya Baptiste, *Creative Writing*
Mackenzie Bell, *Film & Theatre*
Jacob Bensimon, *Film & Theatre*
Gus Berg, *Creative Writing*
Carly Briand, *Creative Writing*
Grace Curley, *Creative Writing*
Liv Demac, *Creative Writing*
Joseph Fluet, *Creative Writing*
James Giltenan, *Creative Writing*
Megan Graber, *Creative Writing*
Tarius Jones, *Creative Writing*
Joshua Joseph, *Film & Theatre*
Julie Landry, *Creative Writing*
Hayden Legg, *Film & Theatre*
Drake Lohse, *Creative Writing*
Maggie McCowan, *Film & Theatre*
Tyler Robbins, *Film & Theatre*
Stefene Russell, *Creative Writing*
Brian Sandusky, *Film & Theatre*
Emani White, *Film & Theatre*
Alixx Williams, *Film & Theatre*

Master of Music
Chris Callahan
Zoë de Priester
Patrick McArdle

Master of Public Administration
Danny Brimmer
Rusan Daniels
Chasity Hunter
Victoria Jennings
Marly Mathieu
Frank Newton Jr
Sarah Somerville
Jackie Strohmeyer
Heather Sylve
Joshua Trochez
Clyde Verdin

Master of Science
Austin Roebuck, *Urban Studies*
Dillion White, *Urban Studies*

Master of Urban and Regional Planning
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Alexis Sager

College of Sciences

Master of Science
Michael Amos, *Earth & Environmental Science*
Raymond Bertheaud, *Mathematics*
Andrea Bohorquez, *Biological Sciences*
Patrick Carter, *Computer Science*
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Johny Lopez, *Computer Science*
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Master of Science in Engineering

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Master of Science in Engineering Management

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Master of Science

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Rami Al-Horani, *Accounting*
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Whitney Myers, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
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Monique Ricci, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*

Brady Richoux, *Accounting*
Stephanie Self, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
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Undergraduate Degrees

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Randy Kearns D.H.A., Interim Dean

Bachelor of Arts

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Jody Billiot✧
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Emma Broussard◇
Jeremiah Brown
Seymour Brown◇
Miles Butler
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LaQuise Callwood
Rainey Cantrelle◇
Tim Carter
Rory Castillo
Seth Charpentier✧
Shammah Cleronay
DeeDee Cole Fabian
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Kelby Daniels✧
Micheal Debouse
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Camren Elliott
Lynn Ellis
Michael Esealuka
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Tommy Griffith
Thomas Gunter
Nidal Hammoudeh
Angel Harp
Dylan Hayes
Avery Heinen◇
Penelope Helmer
Anne Hoffpauir◇
Preston Holm
Eric Hudson jr
Kamille Isom
Emma Jackson
Kendrik James
Reese Johanson◇
Deven Johnson
Galatia Jones
Kenzie Joseph✧
Joshua Joubert✧
Delilah Judeh
Jacob Kelley✧

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Adham Khelik
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Phoenix McIntosh▫
Reed Meric▫
Bryson Mesa
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Keerah Morisset
Jeremy Moulthrop
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Zarahi Ortiz▫
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David Prados▫
Evan Preusch
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Tori Register◇
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Thania Rivas
Destiny Robinson▫
Hallie Rodrigue
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Isabelle Rogers▫
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Lyntrell White
Nathan Williams
Aiden Young

Bachelor of Science

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Cohen Cohen▫
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Sean Flake▫
Destiny Graf
Devon Jones
Jacobe Lunkin
Clare Melerine
Peter Nguyen✧
Hailey Richard Courtney▫
Kharie Ruffin✧
Connor Scallan◇
Trace Williams

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College of Sciences

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Bachelor of Science

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Ameera Abdelkader◇
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Ihab Abuassab◇
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Sofia Akinniyi
Raef Alasar
Charles Alexander
Hussain Ali
Lani Alleman□
Myah Alphonso
Yawar Anis□
Mason Appleton✧
Elena Asevedo◇
Tazia Banks
Katelyn Belozerows
Riley Blackwell◇
Benjamin Bourgeois
Sarah Branch
Jayla Brown
John Buhler
Brenden Buras
Camryn Buras✧
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Julien Cook
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Carley Cummings
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Nicole De Camps Ferrero✧
Sady Diaz
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Anthony Edenfield
Walid Elsayed
Ethan Erhardt◇
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Gabriella Gardner✧
Wesam Ghannam
Cydney Givens
Jonathan Glover
Zavier Green
Spundun Gusain□
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Kloe Laudun
Jacquel Lawson
Sharon Luque Cabrera
Cong Mai✧
Sanaya Mcneil✧
Bradley Medina◇

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Mahdin Mohammad
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Amanda Recinos
Malaika Rehman✧
Raquel Roach✧
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Roland Robinson
Victoria Rodriguez
Miah Rogers
August Rogers□
Hazel Rosales
Angel Ross
Noemis Santos
Noor-Aldeen Shanableh
David Shaw
Jonathan Siegel-Dezarn
Simant Singh◇
Maelene Smith◇
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Darrell Soniat
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Victoria Tipp□
Sara Toro
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Kelsey Vath
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Batool Wahib✧
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Nour Wehbi✧
Cory Wilson✧
Armani Wright
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The Alma Mater

UNO, Our Alma Mater
Proud we stand to sing your fame
UNO
We honor your dear name.

Mem'ries will linger on
When our years with you have gone
And keep us true
to the Silver and Blue.

Lyrics by Deborah H. Crosby | Music from The Overture to the Consecration of the House by Ludwig van Beethoven

Commencement Commentary

Awarding degrees at the University of New Orleans and most other American universities follows a practice that can be traced back to the University of Paris during the early part of the 11th century. The Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop at the time, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree granting. His authority in these matters, however, was challenged by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students. This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for degrees. A secularized version of that arrangement is represented in today's ceremony, during which college deans are certifying that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees.

Academic Regalia

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are bachelors, masters and doctoral. The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns, though UNO's gowns are customized UNO blue. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This hood is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from The University of New Orleans is customized UNO blue, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage

green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood, which is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the degree (Doctor of Philosophy) received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes. For instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO, but their academic discipline is denoted by the color of their mortarboard tassels. Candidates expected to graduate with honors wear a UNO blue and silver cord.

Accounting – Drab
Anthropology – White
Arts Administration – White
Biological Sciences – Golden Yellow
Business Administration – Drab
Chemistry – Golden Yellow
Civil Engineering – Orange
Computer Science – Golden Yellow
Counselor Education – Light Blue
Creative Writing – White
Curriculum & Instruction – Light Blue
Earth and Environmental Sciences – Golden Yellow
Education – Light Blue
Educational Administration – Light Blue
Electrical Engineering – Orange
Elementary Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Engineering and Applied Sciences – Golden Yellow or Orange
Engineering Management – Orange
Engineering Science – Orange
English – White
Film and Theatre Arts – Brown
Finance – Drab
Financial Economics – Copper
Fine Arts – Brown
Health Care Management – Drab
Higher Education Administration – Light Blue
History – White
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration – Drab
Hospitality and Tourism Management – Drab
Human Performance & Health Promotion – Sage Green
Interdisciplinary Studies – White
International Studies – White
Management – Drab
Marketing – Drab
Mathematics – Golden Yellow
Mechanical Engineering – Orange
Music – Pink
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering – Orange
Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physics and Applied Physics – Golden Yellow
Political Science – White
Psychology – Golden Yellow
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Romance Languages – White
Secondary Education – Light Blue
Sociology – White
Special Education – Light Blue
Tax Accounting – Drab
Transportation – Blue-Violet
Urban and Regional Planning – Blue-Violet
Urban Studies – Blue-Violet

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO, the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party, which is seated on the stage. The platform party consists of university administration officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the commencement speaker, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are announced in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

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University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988, at the Academic Convocation commemorating the 30th anniversary of the University's opening. Commissioned in January 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug MacCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace features engravings of the name and year of appointment of each of the University's leaders.

The President's Medallion

Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second leader, in 1981. In commemoration of UNO's 50th Anniversary in 2008, the UNO Federal Credit Union presented to the University the gift of a new medallion to be worn by Chancellor Timothy P. Ryan and all successors to that office. With the transfer of UNO to the University of Louisiana System, the leader is the President.

The entire antiqued silver-plated four-inch medallion and chain feature the University of New Orleans seal encircled by fourteen one-and-one-half inch squares and seventeen banners. Twelve of the squares are engraved with UNO above a fleur-de-lis. Two squares are engraved with the 50th Anniversary emblem. Six of the banners are engraved with UNO's leaders' names and dates of service. The banner immediately above the medallion bears the word President. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasions to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Alumni

Congratulations , Privateers!
As you celebrate this achievement with those who supported you, take pride in what you've accomplished and what lies ahead. This moment is both a culmination and a beginning.

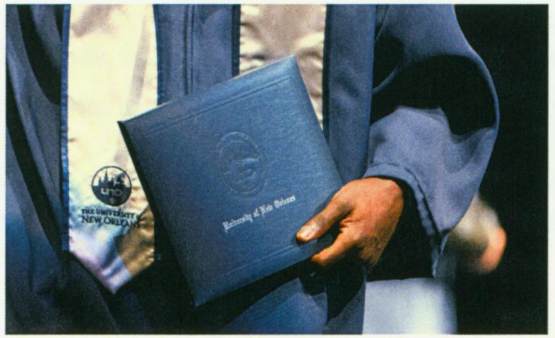
Today, you join a community of more than 80,000 alumni making an impact across New Orleans and around the world. The UNO Alumni Association proudly welcomes you into the Privateer family.

You graduate at a meaningful time in this university's history. As the University of New Orleans transitions to LSU New Orleans, you carry forward the spirit and culture that define this place. You also help shape what comes next.

As part of a network that spans generations, your connection to your alma mater links you to those who came before you and those who will follow. We invite you to stay engaged through university events, build relationships within your Privateer family, and continue learning along the way. You play an important role in carrying forward what this university means to those it serves.

Wherever your path leads, we remain connected by a shared sense of place, purpose, and possibility. Always Privateer Proud.

Follow us on socials for the people, stories, and moments that define the Privateer experience, and visit **unomatrix.com** to access your alumni benefits.



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The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees.

The same applies to the listing of students graduating with honors.

We want your feedback! Please scan to complete a brief survey about your commencement experience.